

To: Daly, Eric[Daly.Eric@epa.gov]
Cc: Richert, George[GRichert@buffalodiocese.org]
From: Colao, Carmen
Sent: Fri 10/21/2016 10:08:30 PM
Subject: Re: Holy Trinity Cemetery

Thanks Eric.

Carmen A. Colao
Director
Catholic Cemeteries
Diocese of Buffalo

On Oct 21, 2016, at 6:00 PM, Daly, Eric <Daly.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi:

I saw Mr. Telvock there the other day. We have fenced off the main areas of concern. He would have to be more specific on what areas he is discussing. However, in general, these readings could be from areas near the grass (This is called shine). It may not actually be the area he is standing. Also, those levels don't necessarily pose a risk to someone driving by or walking by. The gamma meter readings are qualitative. We have determined risk from occupancy data from the cemetery and compared that to the quantitative data (soil sample results) we have so far. Mr. Telvock interest are in making a story. He is in constant contact with me and our public affairs. You can tell him what you want but you also can just tell him to deal with EPA Public Affairs. In the end, we cannot control what he says regardless of how many times we explain what we are doing or what we believe the risks are. Each time he sees us making strides, he ignores the good work and looks for something the local, state or federal has not done.

Thanks

From: Colao, Carmen [<mailto:CColao@buffalodiocese.org>]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 4:30 PM

To: Daly, Eric <Daly.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Richert, George <GRichert@buffalodiocese.org>
Subject: FW: Holy Trinity Cemetery

Eric,

I am forwarding you this e-mail that was sent to George Richert this afternoon.

Apparently Mr. Telvock has been on Holy Trinity property and has used a gamma meter to measure radiation

levels in the Cemetery. We are in no position to dispute what he is saying. I know you have spent countless hours on Holy Trinity

Cemetery property conducting your own readings and have mapped and fenced off radioactive areas. We have relied on your expertise in this matter. What do you make of his "findings"

and statement? At some point we will need to respond to his question. Please provide us with your opinion on this.

Thank you.

Carmen

From: Richert, George
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2016 3:05 PM
To: Colao, Carmen
Subject: Fwd: Holy Trinity Cemetery

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Daniel Telvock <dtelvock@investigativepost.org>
Date: October 21, 2016 at 12:04:37 PM EDT
To: "Richert, George" <GRichert@buffalodiocese.org>
Subject: Re: Holy Trinity Cemetery

Hi George,

The paved road that leads through portions of the cemetery at Holy Trinity is hot and the grass next to portions of this road are hot--up to 20 times above radioactive background levels. This section is not fenced off and in fact, people drive it and walk it regularly.

Did the Diocese know this?

Dan Telvock

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On Tue, May 3, 2016 at 11:53 AM, Richert, George <GRichert@buffalodiocese.org> wrote:

Dan,

I have discussed your request for an interview with the folks involved, and we would prefer to simply let this statement (below & attached) speak for the Cemetery and the Diocese.

Thank You,

George Richert

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May 3, 2016

Statement on Holy Trinity Cemetery

Care for creation is an important part of our Catholic teaching, thus, we are monitoring the situation at Holy Trinity Cemetery very closely. We have fully cooperated with the Environmental Protection Agency, allowing them total access to the section of the cemetery where they are conducting their testing. There are no burials in that section.

We expect the EPA to make sure the site is properly remediated. It is up to the EPA to communicate with the public regarding this situation and any future remediation at the site.

For more information, contact George Richert at 208 6913.

